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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE REQUESTED
EXAMINING GROUP 1744**

PATENT
Customer No. 22,852
Attorney Docket No. 08364.0022-00000

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
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Neil PORTER et al.)	Group Art Unit: 1744
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Application No.: 09/890,855)	Examiner: William H. Beisner
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Filed: October 31, 2001)	Confirmation No.: 8015
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For: APPARATUS FOR PRESERVING MICROORGANISMS)	Mail Stop AF
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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicants hereby petition for a one-month extension of time to reply to the final Office Action mailed June 3, 2004. A fee of \$55.00 (small entity) is enclosed.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: October 1, 2004

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